

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 5-6, 8-9, 11, and 13 as follows:

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3. (Amended) A medium to high voltage power cable as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is hydrophilic.

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5. (Amended) A medium to high voltage power cable as claimed in claim 1, wherein the crystalline part of the polymer is at most 60% by weight.

6. (Amended) A medium to high voltage power cable as claimed in claim 1, wherein (the hydrocarbyl radical) in formula I is an alkyl substituent with 10-18 carbon atoms.

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8. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer composition includes 0.0001 - 3% by weight of silanol (condensation) catalyst.

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9. (Amended) A process of preparing a medium to high voltage power cable according to claim 1, in which a conductor is surrounded in order by an inner semi-conducting layer, an insulating layer comprising a crosslinkable polymer with hydrolysable silane group, and an outer semi-conducting layer to form a cable, (characterised) in that the cable is crosslinked in the presence of steam at a superatmospheric pressure.

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11. (Amended) A process according to claim 9, wherein the crosslinking is carried out at a pressure of 0.2 - 2.5 MPa.

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13. (Amended) A process according to claim 9, wherein the crosslinking is carried out in the presence of saturated steam.